

## Emergency Medical Services

Table 35 shows Emergency Medical Services response to collisions in Idaho. EMS response to collisions indicates the number of collisions where an EMS unit responded and transported persons to medical facilities.

| <b>Table 35</b><br><b>Emergency Medical Services Response to Collisions: 1999-2002</b> |             |             |             |             |                             |                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                                        | <b>1999</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2001</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>Change<br/>2001-2002</b> | <b>Avg. Change<br/>1999-2001</b> |
| Total Collisions                                                                       | 25,076      | 26,241      | 26,090      | 26,477      | 1.5%                        | 2.0%                             |
| Response to Fatal & Injury Collisions                                                  | 3,972       | 4,124       | 4,142       | 4,842       | 16.9%                       | 2.1%                             |
| % of Fatal & Injury Collisions                                                         | 41.8%       | 42.8%       | 43.8%       | 48.8%       | 11.5%                       | 2.4%                             |
| Persons Killed or Injured in Collisions                                                | 14,347      | 14,552      | 14,280      | 15,026      | 5.2%                        | -0.2%                            |
| Transported from Rural Areas                                                           | 2,401       | 3,536       | 3,332       | 3,596       | 7.9%                        | 20.8%                            |
| Transported from Urban Areas                                                           | 3,739       | 2,637       | 2,577       | 2,732       | 6.0%                        | -15.9%                           |
| Total Transported by EMS                                                               | 6,140       | 6,173       | 5,909       | 6,328       | 7.1%                        | -1.9%                            |
| % of Killed/Injured Transported                                                        | 42.8%       | 42.4%       | 41.4%       | 42.1%       | 1.8%                        | -1.7%                            |
| Trapped and Extricated                                                                 | 546         | 578         | 576         | 583         | 1.2%                        | 2.8%                             |
| Fatal/Serious Injuries Transported<br>by Helicopter                                    | 148         | 184         | 226         | 243         | 7.5%                        | 23.6%                            |

The availability and quality of services provided by local Emergency Medical Services may mean the difference between life and death for someone injured in a traffic collision. Improved post-crash victim care works to reduce the severity of trauma incurred by collision victims. The sooner someone receives appropriate medical care, the better their chances of recovery. This care is especially critical in rural areas because of the time needed to transport a victim to a trauma hospital.